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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Little Pony Eagle of Godfrey,  
4 who passed away on October 31, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle was born on January 19, 1923, in  
6 Saint Joseph, Missouri, to Red Eagle and Goldie (Owen) Eagle;  
7 he received his promotion certificate at the age of 16 from  
8 Roosevelt Junior High School and was believed to be the first  
9 true American Indian to graduate from an Alton public school;  
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WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle served in the U.S. Army with the  
12 5th Bomber Command during World War II in the Pacific Theatre;  
13 he earned 5 Bronze Stars and a Good Conduct Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle was discharged in 1945; he  
15 attended Shurtleff College and received his degree in  
16 engineering; he retired as an engineer from McDonnell Douglas,  
17 where in the 1960s he worked on the Gemini Project; he was a  
18 Shriner and a 32nd Degree Mason with the Piasa Masonic Lodge  
19 #27 A.F. & A.M; and

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WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle was preceded in death by his  
21 wife, Hazel (Fines) Eagle; and

1           WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle is survived by his sisters,  
2 Eagle Feather Barker and Two-Star Eagle; his nieces and  
3 nephews, Monica Star Jerrells, Traci Dale Barker, Derrick Tyler  
4 Barker, Thomas Eagle DeMond, Lance J. DeMond (Nancy), Jeffrey  
5 Val DeMond, Rexford Jason DeMond, Bene Star Hentrich (Andy),  
6 and Lezlie Monique Kearney (Tim); and 12 great-nieces and  
7 nephews; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 Little Pony Eagle, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
12 further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Little Pony Eagle as an expression  
15 of our deepest sympathy.